Season Review
1993

To borrow a phrase from Charles Dickens, the summer of 1993 at Sandy Island was "The best of times, and it was the worst of times!" If we use the traditional measuring sticks of evaluating camping success, such as weather or enrollment or the ever-present financial balance sheet, then we were indeed successful. We did have great weather, full enrollment (except for Labor Day Weekend), universally happy campers, and did manage to stay within our budget. If, however, we measure in depth of grief at the passing of former director, Nate Todaro, then the 1993 season will be noted for its depth of loss - for the loss of Nate is more than the loss of a director. Nate was a one man gang, a symbol of a bygone age, an inspiration, a relic, a rock, a leader, and a friend. Only time will tell if this momentous loss will deepen into a more permanent loss for family camping in general.

Many people worked tirelessly to be sure that this first summer without Nate would continue the string of successful seasons that we at Sandy have enjoyed. I'd like to thank my assistant, George Pacheco, and his wife (and other office manager) Linda for their "above and beyond" efforts. Wayne Griffin, our service crew manager, also put in extra time and effort. Indeed all the managers and adult staff, as well as a superb junior staff, contributed much to our successful season. A great deal of respect and appreciation goes out to them all.

A primary objective this year was to service and maintain our physical plant. No new residences were constructed, yet many structures benefitted from the increased attention we were able to give them. An equally important objective was to strive for excellence in camper relations, and this too was accomplished. Safety on the waterfront, an identified camper committee concern, was also given high priority: it was certainly achieved, as the following report shall indicate.

In the area of buildings, George did a fine job of balancing a new and heavy workload of organizing all invoices and budget concerns, along with his "buildings" responsibilities. Five cabins were newly built, replacing those in most disrepair. A badly needed staff bathroom in the kitchen was replumbed, and completely rebuilt from new floor joists to new walls and a new ceiling. Two new camper platform decks were constructed to serve those cabins without immediate waterfronts, and last year's philosophy of shared use was more clearly elaborated upon.

On the waterfront, in addition to the aforementioned safety concerns, excellence in the instructional areas of swimming and sailing was achieved. This was accomplished by a significantly older, more mature group of crew members than had previously been able to be hired. Although the economy/job market assisted in their being recruitment and their subsequent performance, 1993 will be memorable as the year of perhaps the best waterfront staff of all time.

A sizeable bequeath from Shirley Wendell for improvements to the shop area (which her deceased husband so enjoyed) provided significant

motivation for the service crew. A steam cleaner and a diaphragm pump provided the means to do some dirty, distasteful jobs far more efficiently than before, impressing even the N.H. state inspectors on their annual visit. New wall lamps & shades were purchased for all cabins and the rewiring of most cabins. In order to replace the old electrical light pull chains with wall toggle switches, was accomplished. New smoke detectors were installed into the south side cabins, and significant improvements in island plumbing and electrical service were made. Manager Wayne Griffin again organized this diverse, hardworking group into a most efficient crew, and also took the initiative to head up a special project of researching options for the replacement of "Little Sandy".

A potential major concern -- the retirement of 20+ season veteran Don Migliaro -- became nonexistent by the superb performance of new head chef Jeanne Sheridan. With upgraded food quality and selection, introduction of fresh fruits and vegetables (including corn on the cob), and better sanitation procedures, the food services area was a real highlight of the season! Staff morale was high, and camper expectations were far exceeded!

Another new manager, though no stranger to Sandy Island, was Scott Carlsten. A solid program was continued with improved counselor performance, and well-received dance innovations. Capitalizing on a nationwide craze by adding some western theme dances, and bringing in a professional square dance caller (former staffer, Bobby LaFleur) for a Tuesday night dance in July and again in August. Scott did a great job in a highly visible area. These innovations brought incredible staff participation, and generally very successful dances. Borrowing Native American Chief Marty Stanton from North Woods Camp to spice up the campfires on the 8th and 9th weeks was similarly new and different, and well-received. "Under the lights" volleyball became extremely popular in August, and likely will become a fixed program offering! The schoolhouse and craftshop, with experienced veterans in charge, continued to be solid contributors to Sandy's program.

In retrospect, the 1993 season was a fine one. Weather was superb, equipment breakdowns were few, and personnel indiscretions were identified early -- and resolved quickly and quietly -- before they became real problems. The campers were the real winners: I hope in the future that we have many such seasons!

COMPLETED PROJECT LIST

REBUILT KITCHEN BATHROOM
BUILT PORCH AND DECK (COZY COVE, FOUR OTHER CABINS)
REFURNISHED SANDWALL LODGE (purchased w/$1000 donation f/Bill LaFleur)
(3 RECLINERS, TABLES, LAMPS)
CONVERTED PROPANE GAS TO ELECTRICAL HOT WATER HEATERS
(KUM N'GO & SHADY NOOK)
PUMP HOUSE - INSTALLED DUAL CONTROL ELECTRICAL SWITCHES
- BUILT COVER FOR SEPTIC TANK
- PURCHASED NEW MAIN SEPTIC PUMP
- INSTALLED NEW FLUORESCENT LIGHTING
BUILT 2-WAY BENCH & STORAGE AREA FOR TENNIS COURTS AND
SPORTS PAVILION (f/$500 donation f/f Gray and Boston Y Outing Club)
RESEARCHED AND DEVELOPED PLANS FOR REPLACEMENT OF LITTLE SANDY
PURCHASED SANDY ISLAND SIGN FOR INSTALLATION UPON NORTHDOCK BOATHOUSE
BUILT NEW ROOF FOR SHUFFLEBOARD SCOREBOARDS
REBUILT CEMENT BASE FOR HARILLA LANDING STEPS
INSTALLED ELECT. MONITORS (AMMETER & VOLTMETER) @ NORTHDOCK
INSTALLED NEW TRIPLEX ELECT. LINE FROM S.Lav TO Twin Oaks INSTALLED NEW
ELECT. MAST THROUGH ROOF OF Twin Oaks
REPLACED NEW ELECT. LINE (from NYer to Kum N'Go and Shady Nook)
REPLACED NEW ELECT. LINE (to North Dock)
REPLACED NEW ELECT. LINE (to Moon Shadow Cabin)
DEVELOPED NEW ELECTRICAL VEHICLE (golf cart)
UPGRADED ELECT. SERVICE PANEL BOX IN SHOP
PURCHASED NEW PUMP FOR WATER WELL AT BEACH
BUILT NEW WELL COVER
COMPLETED WATER TREATMENT SHED
BUILT PLATFORM & STEPS AT RITZ BEACH
BUILT PLATFORM AT DOCKSIDE
REBUILT ENTRANCE GATES TO TENNIS COURTS
REBUILT BASEBOARDS OF TENNIS COURTS
BUILT GLASS WINDOWS FOR LI'L RED SCHOOLHOUSE
PAINTED TRIM ON 6 CAMPER CABINS
PURCHASED USED DIAPHRAGM PUMP F/SEPTIC TANKS AND BOAT BILGES
PURCHASED NEW STEAM CLEANER
STEAM CLEANED BIG SANDY, LI'L SANDY, AND SANDY II
STEAM CLEANED DISHROOM, WALK-INS, & TRASH STORAGE AREA
INSTALLED SMOKE DETECTORS IN SOUTHSIDE CAMPER CABINS
TRIMMED TREE BRANCHES OVERHANGING TENNIS COURTS
REPLACED ELECT. LIGHT PULL CHAINS TO WALL TOGGLE SWITCHES
INSTALLED LOG BARRIER ALONG SOUTHSIDE SEPTIC LINE
INSTALLED EROSION CONTROL LOG BARRIERS ALONG PATHS LEADING
TO LODGE, OFFICE, AND DINING HALL
REPLACED OLD WATERFRONT LOG WITH A NEW ONE
INSTALLED NEW SEPTIC TANK FROM KITCHEN GREASE TRAP
PAINTED TRIM ON SANDY II
PAINTED WALK-IN REFRIGERATOR CEILING
PAINTED FLOORS IN MENAGERIE CABIN
PAINTED PORCH AND OUTSIDE TRIM OF SANDWALL LODGE AND ALSO
CLEANED WOODWORK WITH MURPHY'S OIL SOAP
GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF SCREENS AND WINDOWS ON ALL CAMPER/STAFF CABINS
RECEIVED USED JAVELIN SAILBOAT (Dr. Herbert Anderson)

RECEIVED USED WURLITZER PIANO (Ellen Harder)
BUILT ICE CHEST COVER IN STORE
INSTALLED AUTOMATIC DETERGENT AND RINSE ADDITIVE TO DISHWASHER
LEASED BEEPER FOR 24 HOUR MEDICAL COVERAGE
REPAIRED COMPRESSOR FOR WATER COOLER AT PAVILLION

SANDY ISLAND CAMP
1994
PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Kitchen/Dining Room Needs:

- install new hot water heater system
- install dishroom and potsink sprayer system
- large (8 person) tables (2)
- wooden desk-type chairs (2)
- formica existing tables (4 rectangle & 13 round)
- new juice machine
- salad bar, wheeled
- dolly for mixer bowl
- purchase continuous-feed food processor
- install GFI's, as per NH state inspection
- bowls and silverware
- hot cup dispenser
- plastic cart
- seal dish room floor

Program Needs:

- tennis court and bocce courts surface refurbished
- court fencing completed
- tennis drag broom, scarifier/lute
- pool table
- karaoke machine for music trivia night
- badminton equipment
- Red Schoolhouse - formica tables and paint floor
- formica store counter top
- install GFI's in store
- folding chairs (48)
- two folding tables - west side of craft shop (tiedying)
- Nate's lodge expansion - speaker system
- new video projector
- resurface lodge floor

Service Needs:

- Little Sandy replacement with the Salty Dog
- Complete Wendell shop improvements
  (generator, joiner-planer, ladder, etc.)
- new vehicle (4 cyl.4 wheel drive,4x4, high clearance)
- Implement systems for grease disposal, cardboard
  composting, and for aluminum recycling
- Eliminate burn pit, and fence in rear kitchen area
- Install mop-water dump station
- Upgrade plumbing and electrical systems to code
- Repair craftshop floor buckle
- Install Shop fire escape ladder for west dorm
- Boat Docks- pilings replaced or straightened at both
  North Dock and front dock
- Repair cement work at front dock
- Repair Sandy Dock at Harilla Landing

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CABINS:

- reshingle roof of Lodge, kitchen, and BeaconWatch
- Build 2 decks with steps
- Build 2 southside docks
- Build 4 new porches on camper cabins
- Refurbish Buena Vista
  - (point bricks, paint floor & porch,& scrub walls)
- Paint right walk-in
- Begin comprehensive stain/trim campaign
- Install hard-wired smoke detectors in staff quarters
- Rent brush chipper for a day
- Scrape/paint Big Sandy's hull

Waterfront:

- Skiff repaired or replaced
- Communication radio installed in ski boat
- Waterfront trees trimmed
- Sailboat - sell or remove, replace?
- Sailboards and rowboats replaced
- Portable sound system for Water Carnival
- New main raft
- New PFDs and kickboards

Operations:

- Purchase 1 or 2 commercial washing machines
- Purchase 1 heavy duty clothes dryer
- Computer upgrade to 386 or 486
  - purchase battery pack for reserve
  - hire weekend consultant (David Todaro)
- Begin phone/communication upgrade
- Purchase radios: 2 portables, 1 mobile unit, 1 channel base
- Include Twin Oaks and Moon Shadow communication tie-in
- Upgrade chlorinator system
- Replace North Minilav wastewater line
- Purchase main pumphouse #2 pump
- Install photocells/twist timers for important lights
- Replace compressors for kitchen walk-in refrigerators

1993 Sandy Island Camper Statistics

Week	Number	1991	Number	1992	Number	1993
1	163	$ 41,602	162	$ 45,997	180	$ 51,250
2	165	$ 41,400	162	$ 43,559	163	$ 44,615
3	159	$ 42,034	161	$ 43,731	162	$ 46,240
4	178	$ 46,775	169	$ 44,871	173	$ 49,625
5	187	$ 47,752	178	$ 46,646	175	$ 49,575
6	183	$ 47,715	177	$ 48,859	172	$ 50,130
7	187	$ 47,510	184	$ 49,171	187	$ 54,515
8	183	$ 46,957	180	$ 49,785	184	$ 52,770
9	170	$ 44,509	173	$ 43,775	166	$ 45,340
LDW	171	$ 17,547	109	$ 11,905	122	$ 13,395
	Total	$ 423,801		$ 428,299		$ 457,455

CAMPER UNIT BY STATE

Week	MA	NY	NJ	CT	PA	OH	NH	MD	RI	VA	VT	DE	FL	TN	IL	OTHER	Total
1	32	3	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	
2	29	6	1	3	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	
3	31	1	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	6	
4	22	3	1	14	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	
5	30	3	8	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
6	31	6	3	5	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	
7	29	1	0	1	5	1	1	1	1	4	0	2	1	1	0	2	
8	24	7	1	7	1	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	3	
9	22	10	4	4	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LDW	28	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	278	42	24	44	7	5	15	5	11	11	4	2	8	3	1	22	482

In addition to the previously named states, others contributed to our enrollment. The following is a list of them: Wisconsin, Washington D.C., North Carolina, Colorado, Texas, Maine, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Georgia, Arizona, California, and West Virginia. Sandy Island was also fortunate to accommodate a family from Great Britain.

CAMPER STATISTICS--DISTRIBUTION

Age Distribution	WEEK 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	LDW	TOTAL
Infant to 2 years	4	12	9	8	6	5	1	5	9	7	66
3,4,5 year olds	16	12	11	9	13	9	11	5	17	7	110
6,7,8 year olds	14	17	14	14	17	16	20	24	11	14	161
9-12 year olds	27	20	10	21	23	16	25	30	32	14	218
Adults	119	102	118	121	116	126	130	120	97	80	1129
TOTAL	180	163	162	173	175	172	187	184	166	122	1684

SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO:

Frank and Sally Schofield
Arnie Carlson and Jeanne Heumann
Tom Marden and Amy Goodman
Jeff and Chuck Duquette
Dr. Herbert Anderson
Dr. Richard Anderson
Shirley Wendell
Bill LaFleur
Paul Santos
Jeanne Robillard
Dave Richards
Creighton and Betty Vallee
Frank Witt
Jeff and Nicandra Galper
Jim Doyle
Sue Clemment
Ellen Harder
Carole Todaro
David Todaro
S.I.C.I.F. Donors
Fred Boyajian
Steve Fauteaux
Robert O'Connell
Kim Doxzon

PRE- AND POST SEASON GROUPS

This year four weekends before the regular camping season and three weekends after the regular camping season had rental groups utilize the camp. Considerable revenue for the camp was realized, though the strain on boats and equipment, facilities, and on the staff were likewise considerable.

Preseason:

May 29-31	Newton, Massachusetts Unitarian Church
June 5-6	Needham, MA "Y" Indian Guides
June 12-13	Diane Todaro's Wedding
June 19-20	Boston YMCA International Weekend

Postseason:

Sept. 10-12	Westgate Church (Weston, MA)
Sept. 18-19	Singles Weekend
Sept. 24-26	Concord (NH) NewLife Community Church

Preseason Staffing:

Rusty and Carole Carlsten
George Pacheco
Wayne Griffin
Tahg Adler
Jeanne Sheridan
Joe Parsons
Chris Priore
Ben Summer
Jon Ross
Kara Hall
Kim Tinstman
Cassie Wickes
Jamie Slayton
Joe Tenczar
Andrea Satero
Jimmy Benson
Jim Russell
Cheryl Ryder
Scott Priore
Jen August
Andy Sharkus
April Cotte
Michael Smith
Dave Todaro

Postseason Staffing:

Rusty and Carole Carlsten
George Pacheco
Wayne Griffin
Alan and Suzanne Stewart
Jeanne Sheridan
Scott and Cheryl Carlsten
Mike and Jen Dooher
Michaela Fhronweiser
Danielle Fhronweiser
Kara Hall
Cheryl Ryder
Joe Tenczar
Ed Wolfe
Amy Budish
Jim Russell
Jimmy Benson
Maggie MacDonald
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John Sullivan
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